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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND REPORTS/CIA

THRU : Chairman, USIB Watch Committee

SUBJECT: Statement of Commendation and Appreciation

1. On behalf of the National Indications Center, I wish to formally commend the consistently outstanding efforts of the Current Support Staff, Office of Research and Reports, in support of the USIB warning system. The thoroughness, reliability and sustained excellence of ORR's contributions covering the economic warning intelligence categories generally, and particularly the fields of transportation, logistics, civil defense and trade, have established standards of substantive quality and professional expertise equaled, throughout my tenure with the NIC, in no other primary indications category.

2. I would specifically cite as worthy examples of the superior work that we by now have come to consider standard for ORR, the CSS contribution "packages" for 21 and 28 March 1966. Each contains several impressively researched and documented studies, specifically responsive to NIC queries and directly geared to critical issues immediately confronting the USIB Watch Committee. Not only do these demonstrate high professional competence, but of even greater importance, we believe, they reflect a constant spirit of responsibility, initiative and cooperation with regard to the USIB warning process. And it is this spirit, in our view, that constitutes the sole measurable standard of assurance that the warning process may adequately meet its ultimate challenge.

3. Service with a joint staff while physically removed from Headquarters provides a somewhat broader and detached perspective for objectively viewing the accomplishments of one's own agency. For what it may be worth, I can assure you that the consistent excellence, timeliness and professional sophistication of ORR's research analysis and reporting, particularly as represented by the Current Support Staff product,

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commands the highest respect, admiration and confidence of all components of the warning community. I have also found this to be the spontaneous reaction of every representative assigned to the NIC staff from other intelligence agencies.

4. We realize that the regular and special contributions received from the Current Support Staff are the result of an admirable ORR team effort and reflect the efforts of analysts throughout the Office as well as those of CSS itself. We will not attempt to identify here all of those deserving of individual commendation. I would be pleased to deal with this at greater length at any time you might find such detail of value. At this point, we merely seek to convey our sincere gratitude and highest commendation for the uniformly outstanding work of the members of the Current Support Staff and their colleagues elsewhere in the Office of Research and Reports in support of the warning system.

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